



**POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Report No 24-116**

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**RESCISSION OF POLICY P.084.SCO STUDENT SAFETY PATROLS**

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**PURPOSE:**

1. To seek approval for the rescission of Policy P.084.SCO Student Safety Patrol.

**STRATEGIC LINKS:**

2. The proposed rescission is consistent with the Board's policy review and development process and supports a commitment to effective governance. This aligns with the Learning, Well-being, and Social Responsibility pillars under the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's (OCDSB) 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

**CONTEXT:**

3. An effective policy review cycle should consider whether a policy can or should be rescinded because it is no longer relevant, required, or could be combined with another related policy. In this case, staff are recommending the policy is rescinded on the basis that the content is no longer relevant as the program the policy provides guidance for no longer exists. Student Safety Patrol programs were phased out over time, as schools mitigated risk-taking activities for students, and means of student transportation evolved over time.

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

4. Development of Policy P.084.SCO  
Policy P.084.SCO was introduced in June of 2000 and last revised in June of 2009. The policy was introduced to establish principles and directives for schools in the operation of student safety patrols. A formal program partnership with the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) supported the implementation of student safety patrols in many schools. Over time, the program ceased to run in schools, due in part to changes in transportation trends and increased student safety

concerns. While no formal direction was provided to end these programs, they have not run in schools for some time.

5. Risk Analysis of Policy Rescission

In assessing the potential consequences or risks associated with the rescission of any Board policy, staff would normally outline the mitigation measures in place to support the rationale that the policy is no longer relevant. In this case, the policy governs a program that is no longer in existence and therefore there is no risk associated with the rescission.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

6. There are no resource implications related to the rescission of this policy.

**COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:**

7. There are no communication / consultation issues relating to the rescission of this policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Policy P.084.SCO Student Safety Patrols be rescinded.

**Appendix A: Student Safety Patrols - Policy P.084.SCO**

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Superintendent Education

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